

Washington, DC – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) spoke out today after traveling with a bipartisan delegation of Members of the House Armed Services Committee on Monday on a fact-finding mission to inspect the terrorist detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

“As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, the opportunity to travel to the facility at Guantanamo Bay was both valuable and informative,” Wittman said. “We saw firsthand the detention and courtroom facilities, while interacting with those men and women in uniform stationed there. We had an opportunity to look at the different levels of security, to determine how detainees are moved through the system, and to ensure that it is being done the right way. Our nation has invested millions of dollars building state-of-the-art facilities to detain and prosecute the detainees at Guantanamo. It would be ill advised to try and pick up and re-create those facilities anywhere else. (extra space here) This facility continues to be the safest place to house dangerous terrorists who wish harm on American citizens, not on American soil. Ultimately, our goal is to ensure the safety and security of the American people.”

Wittman traveled with House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard P. “Buck” McKeon (R-Calif.), and several other Members of Congress from around the country. The delegation visited the detention blocks, visited each of the camps and toured the hospitals and the courtrooms.